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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A recording medium drive device that allows, among a plurality of kinds of recording media having different shapes, only a part some of the recording media to be inserted therein, the recording medium drive device comprising:

a stopper that detects [[the]] a difference in shape between the part a first kind of the recording media and the other a second kind of the recording media so as to prevent the other second kind of the recording media from being inserted, the stopper detecting a projection formed on an outer surface of a cartridge in which one of the other second kind of the recording media; is contained

wherein the recording medium drive device further comprises a recording medium loading slot through which to insert the recording media; and

wherein the stopper is provided substantially in the vicinity of the center of the recording medium loading slot.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The recording medium drive device according to claim 1, wherein

the stopper comprises a recording medium detector that detects the difference in shape between the [[part]] first kind of the recording media and the other second kind of the recording media, and a stopper body that interlocks with the recording medium detector to prevent the other second kind of the recording media from being inserted.

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Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The recording medium drive device according to claim 3, further comprising:

a rotary shaft that rotatably supports the stopper between the stopper body and the recording medium detector, the stopper body being provided on one side of the rotary shaft, and the recording medium detector being provided on the other side of the rotary shaft.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The recording medium drive device according to claim 4, wherein

the stopper body and the recording medium detector are integrally formed with each other.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The recording medium drive device according to claim 3, wherein

the tip end of the recording medium detector is provided with a roller that abuts on the recording medium so as to rotate.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The recording medium drive device according to claim 3, wherein

the stopper comprises a biasing section that biases the recording medium detector toward a direction in which the recording medium detector abuts on the recording medium.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The recording medium drive device according to claim 7, wherein

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the biasing section is a torsion bar provided to the rotary shaft.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The recording medium drive device according to claim 8, wherein

the rotary shaft is respectively provided at two sides of the stopper, and the torsion bar is provided at one end of either rotary shaft.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The recording medium drive device according to claim 4, wherein

the tip end of the stopper body is provided with an insertion preventer that abuts on the other second kind of the recording media medium to prevent the other second kind of the recording media medium from being inserted.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The recording medium drive device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a tray that mounts the recording medium.

Claim 12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (New): The recording medium drive device according to claim 1, wherein the difference in shape between the first kind of the recording media and the second kind of the recording media comprises the projection.